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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: